

ANS Correspondence

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Aden 24th August 1921.

To,  
The Secretary,

American Numismatic Society.

New York.

Dear Sir,

As advised by the "Export American Industries"

I am pleased to send you herewith 30 pieces Himyaritic  
coins and shall feel obliged to hear from you by return  
as to your offer for the same.

I regret I cannot give you the name of the  
place where they discovered, just now, as the man who  
brought them will not be here before the end of this  
summer. To my mind they might have been discovered in  
either Sanaa or Thamar, but, I do not remember exactly  
what name he gave,

Yours faithfully.

for

JUDAH A. S. ROSSIM.

B.A.S. Rossim

September 21st, 1921

Mr. Judah A. S. Mission  
Camp Aden  
Aden

Dear Sir:

In response to your letter of August 24th enclosing 30 pieces of Himyaritic coins, I beg to advise that since writing to you a large number of these pieces have been offered to us indicating that the ~~number~~ of which you write must have comprised several hundred specimens. In consequence, the price asked for these pieces is not high, and I am directed to offer you for the thirty pieces which you have sent us the sum of Twenty Dollars (\$20).

If you do not desire to accept this offer, kindly advise me and I will send the coins to any address which you may give me, or return them to you if that is your wish.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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To,

The Numismatic Society,

New York

Dear Sir,

Confirming my previous respects, I am pleased to inform you that I have today sent you under separate registered cover <sup>containing</sup> the following old coins and shall feel grateful if you will please enlighten me as to their origin and value, and in case you wish to buy the same to please let me know your best offer:-

- 1 Gold Ring (said to be Hymiaritic)
- 1 Gold Coin
- 1 Silver Coin

3 other Silver Coins consisting of (1) a dollar, (2), half dollar and (3) one quarter dollar.

Awaiting your early reply.

Yours faithfully  
J. S. Rossim



March 4th, 1922

Mr. J. A. S. Nissim  
Camp Aden  
Aden, Arabia

Dear Sir:

I have delayed answering your letter of December 26th which arrived here a month ago, because I have been trying to get as good an offer as possible on the coins you sent over to us. Unfortunately these coins are not saleable in this country, and the best offer that I have received for them and the five coins is Nine Dollars (\$9.00).

The silver coins sell in this country only for their silver value as they are not rare. The gold coin of Constantine is common. Also, there must have been a large find of this type recently because a London dealer has been offering these at retail for One Pound each. The coin of Athens is common, and the ring I could get but little for. For all, as I say, the best offer I can get so far is Nine Dollars. Shall I send these pieces back to you.

Do you ever find in Arabia coins struck by the Axum dynasty of Ethiopia? These are small gold coins with a little head on each side, which I understand are frequently found in Southern Arabia. You might be interested in some of these.

In the meantime, if I can find a better offer than Nine Dollars for your coins, I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

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Aden 12<sup>th</sup> March 1922

To, The Numismatic Society  
New York

Dear Sir,

I beg to confirm my letter of 26<sup>th</sup> Dec. last, informing you of my having despatched to you one gold ring, one gold coin and four silver coins, since when, I have had not the pleasure of hearing from you, but can only hope to receive your reply by next mail.

Herewith, I enclose one silver coin & shall feel grateful if you will please inform me as to its origin & value.

Yours faithfully  
J. A. S. Nissim

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*Aden* 29th March 1922

Messrs, The American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th & 156th Street,  
New York,  
U.S.A.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of 4th Inst. & while thanking you for your kind endeavours in my behalf, I regret to say that it does not pay me to sell the coins for nine dollars, as I have paid much more for them myself.

The gold coin of Constantine was the only one I came across myself, & to the best of my knowledge none were offered here ever since. However, I shall make further enquiries from persons interested & will let you know. At any rate I consider it a good opportunity to buy these coins at £ 1/- & if you can give me the address of the London dealer referred to in your letter, I shall feel very grateful.

Kindly let me know if the gold ring is of a real Hymiaritic Period, as I have paid much for it but retained the right to myself to obtain a refund of the amount paid by me if it is not of real Hymiaritic origin.

I have none of the gold coins required by you, but shall bear it in mind and will let you know if I come across any.

Meanwhile, will you please let me know the amount you can pay for such coins.

At present I have gold coins which wax prints I enclose herewith and if interested, please let me know.

Kindly return the coins to me by return of post under a sealed and registered cover & oblige.

Yours faithfully.

*J. S. Nissim*



April 22nd, 1922

J. A. S. Nissim, Esq.  
Camp Aden,  
Aden, Arabia

Dear Sir:

Your letters of March 12th and March 29th respectively at hand. As per your request, we are returning the coins and the ring which you sent. I have shown them to two other people, and the largest offer I have received is Ten Dollars for all.

The London dealer who at one time offered coins like this for a Pound, was Messrs. Spink & Son, 17, 18, Piccadilly, London, W.1. Probably they had a large number come in.

I really can tell you nothing about the ring as this is out of our line, and none of our acquaintances could tell me anything about it.

The wax impressions of gold coins you sent are, as near as we can judge, the early Caliphs of Bagdad, struck in Egypt. As we have a large number, we do not desire these.

Of course, there are some early Arabic coins in the Cufic language struck in Yemen which we should like, but it is very hard to describe them. They can only be distinguished from the other coins by the Mint name - either Yemen or some city in South Arabia. When found, the coins are not worth much so that one should not go to any trouble in trying to find them or pay much of anything over their metal value.

I will keep the small silver coin until Mr. Newell returns so that he can look at it.

Very truly yours,

HW/E

Curator



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Aden 17th May 1922.

Registered.

To,  
The American Numismatic Society,

New York.

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your letter of 22nd Ult. & note that you are interested in Cufic coins.

In reply I beg to inform you that according to friend from Yemen, the Gold coins, which wax impression I sent you last are real cufic, and, as it is possible that you could not ascertain their real origin from mere impressions, I am sending the same herewith, and, if interested, please let me have your best offer for same.

Yours faithfully.

*J. S. Nissim*

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Enclosures three gold coins

May 25th, 1922

Mr. J. A. S. Nissim  
Camp Aden  
Aden, Arabia

Dear Sir:

I have delayed answering your letter of March 12th until the return of Mr. Newell from Europe, who is the one interested in Hixyrite coins. The coin you sent belongs to the Hixyrite period, and Mr. Newell offers you One Pound for this.

I am, therefore, holding the piece here until I hear from you as to whether or not you wish us to return the coin or send the money to you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E

June 16th, 1922.

Judah A. S. Nissim, Esq.,  
Aden.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of May 17th with three gold Oufis enclose is at hand. Because two of the coins are clipped and the other one has been made into a pendant, we do not feel in a position to offer you more than ten dollars for the lot. If you are willing to accept this sum, kindly so inform us and I will have a remittance sent you on receipt of your reply.

Trusting this will be satisfactory.

I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

JEDAH A. S. ROSSIM

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Aden 10<sup>th</sup> July 1922

To,

The American Numismatic Society,  
New York

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> ult. I beg to inform you that as far as I am able to understand from my friend, from Yemen, the 2 coins were never clipped, but were discovered in this very condition. Your offer, however, is unacceptable. As a matter of fact they cost, and are worth more, more. But, rather than have them returned, I would accept a minimum of \$20.0. for the same. Should your friend however be not disposed to pay this amount, please return the same in value.

I enclose herewith the silver coin & the stone omitted from my last letter.

Yours faithfully

J. S. Rossim

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Aug. 16, 1922.

Julian A. C. Nicolson, Esq.,  
Camp Aden, Arabia.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions, we are returning herewith the three gold Mohammedan coins which you sent us, and for which you asked £20.00, as against our offer of ten dollars for them. We do not consider them worth that sum to us, and are therefore sending them back to you.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

JEDAH & S. ROSSIM.

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and  
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Aden 21<sup>st</sup> August 1922

To,

The Numismatic Society  
New York

Dear Sir,

I have duly received your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> Ult. informing me that Mr. Newell will <sup>keep</sup> 5 coins at £1½ each & the rest at one dollar apiece which I accept, and which value please remit direct to me by cheque, on New York, in American currency & oblige.

Gold Cupic coins I can now offer seven (7) more of these coins at £7.00 & if interested, please let me know.

I enclose herewith 2 stones imported from Yemen of which I have another 4 pieces & would be glad to hear from you if they are of any interest to you.

yours faithfully  
J. S. Rossim

P.S.

The stone & the coin mentioned in your said letter were sent under separate covers.

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18/12  
10/10  
27/10

Have bank sent  
Draft in 14 pounds

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August 28th, 1942

Donald E. S. Hastings, Esq.,  
Rangoon  
Burma, (India)

Dear Mr. Hastings:

Referring to your communication communicated  
by a friend of my wife and me regarding you, I beg  
to advise that we are not interested in the matter.  
The fact remains that we would be willing to af-  
ford you the same. If this is acceptable, please  
let us know so, and we will place the necessary  
in your hands as directed in your previous letter.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

WJH/c

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Aden 27<sup>th</sup> September 1922

To,

The American Numismatic Society

New York

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Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> inst. offering me 2/6  
for the 6 pieces of your which I accept and which have  
been sent to me by express in a secure wrapper.

Kindly return to me the 10 pieces which you wish  
as set out for you.

Yours faithfully

John Smith

Dr. Smith

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September 29th, 1922.

Mr. Judah A. S. Missin,  
Camp Aen,  
Aen, Arabia.

Dear Mr. Missin:-

Your letter of August 21st at hand, and I am sending you a check for \$20.10 in New York funds as per your request, for the 5 coins kept at \$1 each. This was converted at present rate of exchange of 14.42, and \$18.00 for the other 15 coins.

As for Oario gold coins, we can pick up here about as many as we want at very little over gold value, consequently we do not care to pay \$7.00 a piece for them unless they are rare or unusual specimens. There are some interesting pieces from the Roman Mint but they are different from the one that you sent awhile ago, and which we returned.

There is also one that we are looking for with three standing figures on one side and a cross on steps on the other, copied from a Byzantine coin but with the inscription in Arabic.

I am returning to you the two stones which we do not want, and a silver coin that you sent. This piece is a common coin of the Emperor Trajan. The gem I am still holding, as we made you an offer of \$1 in your letter of August 26th.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

October 27th, 1922.

Mr. Judah A. S. Missin,

Camp Aden,

Aden, Arabia.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letter of September 27th,  
I am herewith sending you a cheque for £1, converted  
into American money as per your request, which amounts  
to \$4.47.

The Mexican silver coin that you mention was  
returned in your last letter.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

**JOSEPH A. S. ROSSINI.**

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and  
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Aden 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1922

To

The Humane Society

New York

Dear Sir

With further reference to your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> August last in case you have not yet remitted to me the value of the engraved gun please remit the same to The Central Union Trust Company of New York for my account please.

I am pleased to send you herewith seven 9/16 Cupie coins which I can offer for 30 dollars, and if agreeable, you may retain the same & remit the value thereof to the above bank for my account.

In addition I am also sending you 37 pieces Cupie silver coins some of which I believe are very good, and if interested, please let me know.

Yours faithfully  
J. A. S. Rossini

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December 14th, 1922.

Mr. Judah A. S. Nissim,  
Camp Aden,  
Aden, Arabia.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 2nd at hand enclosing 7 gold coins and 37 silver coins. We can make you an offer of \$15.00 for the silver coins, and we will keep 6 of the gold coins. The 7th one I am returning as we have one, and your coin is not in good enough condition for us to buy in place of the one we have. We will offer you \$26.00 for the 6 gold coins. You quoted \$30.00 for the 7.

If ever you find any gold coins, or possibly silver coins, like the enclosed rubbing, we will be very glad to have them.

Very truly yours,

Curator.





February 15th, 1923

Mr. Judah A. S. Nissim  
Camp Aden  
Aden, Arabia

Dear Sir:

We have this day sent a cheque for \$41.00 -  
fifteen dollars for the silver coins and twenty-six  
for the gold coins - to the Central Union Trust Co.  
of New York, and requested them to credit the sum  
to your account.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HE/E

February 15th, 1923

The Central Union Trust Company of New York  
80 Broadway, New York City

Gentlemen:

Kindly credit the enclosed cheque for  
Forty-one Dollars to the account of Mr. Judah  
A. S. Nissim of Aden, and oblige

Yours very truly,

Curator

HW/E  
Enc.

August 19th, 1924

Mr. Judah A. S. Missin  
Camp Aden  
Aden, Arabia

Dear Sir:

The enclosed coins have had to wait until  
Mr. Newell came to the Society. I am very sorry  
at the delay. Mr. Newell asks me to inform you  
that he cannot use any of the pieces.

Very truly yours,

Secretary